

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 58 through 61, 64, and 65 through 67 are pending, with Claims 58, 60, 64, 65, 66, and 67 being independent. Withdrawn Claims 68 through 71, the restriction of which is traversed, have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 58 through 61 and 64 through 67 have been amended.

Claims 58 through 61 and 64 through 67 were objected to for use of the expression “instruction information” on the grounds that the specification instead refers to “attribute information” or “file name constituting information”. All objections are respectfully traversed, and are submitted to have been obviated by the amendment of the claims in a manner earnestly believed to avoid the grounds of objection, viz, “instruction information” has been changed to --information--. Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Claims 58 through 61 and 64 through 67 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over U.S. Patent Nos. 5,497,194 (Sakagami, et al.) and 5,477,264 (Sarbadhikari, et al.) in view of newly-cited U.S. Patent No. 5,719,987 (Kawamura, et al.). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 58, 60, 64, 65, 66, and 67 variously recite, inter alia, that the information comprises a character to appear in the file name, with determining the leading portion of the file name so that the leading portion comprises (1) the character from the information retrieved from the detachable recording medium and (2) a serial number, the character preceding the serial number.

However, Applicant respectfully submits that none of Sakagami, et al., Sarbadhikari, et al., and Kawamura, et al., even in the proposed combinations, assuming, arguendo, that such could be combined, discloses or suggests at least the above-discussed

claimed features as recited, inter alia, in Claims 58, 60, 64, 65, 66, and 67. It is further respectfully submitted that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited documents that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at such features.

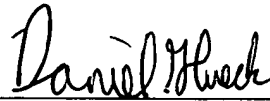
The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

This Amendment After Final Rejection is an earnest attempt to advance prosecution and reduce the number of issues, and is believed to clearly place this application in condition for allowance. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully submits that a full appreciation of these amendments will not require undue time or effort given the Examiner's familiarity with this application. Moreover, this Amendment was not earlier presented because Applicant earnestly believed that the prior Amendment placed the subject application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 is respectfully requested.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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